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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

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Art Unit: N/A

For: MICROSTRIPLINE TYPE DIRECTIONAL

COUPLER AND COMMUNICATION

DEVICE USING THE SAME

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

First Preliminary Amendment

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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